

**County Library Board**  
**September 11, 2008**

The meeting came to order with Vice Chair, Judy Brendel; Trustees, Donna Ohs, Gary Forney and Pat Bradley; Commissioner, Jim Hart; and Director, Joanne Erdall present. Chair, Evalyn Johnson was absent.

The minutes of the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. A correction was made to show adjournment and the time it transpired. A motion to accept the minutes with this correction was entered by Bradley and seconded by Ohs.

Old Business:

Commissioner, Jim Hart told the board that at their last meeting the commissioners decided to approve the bid received from Allhands Excavation, cost of removing the tank, and cost to fix concrete work. Discussion was held on how to pay for this project. Our board went over the costs our budget had already incurred and didn't feel that we had the budget to handle the cost of the excavation work. Hart suggested we draft a letter to the commissioners to read at their next meeting. We would ask them to consider splitting the excavation cost 50/50 and explain our reasoning. We stressed the need to get back to Allhands as soon as possible and asked Hart to call us following the meeting decision. We would seek more specific breakdown costs from any future Great West Engineering invoices. Jim Hart left the meeting at this point.

Erdall was informed by the City Clerk of Virginia City that the council had voted to re-instate the donation to the county library at \$750.00 by May. We had received a donation of \$150.00 from Colby and Dale L. Johnson of Missoula. Both are retired librarians and assist each year with the Living History Program and the children's History Camp. Erdall asked the board to please consider these folks when nominating the Trustees' Award this year.

Erdall presented the Historical Society's Montana County History Initiative program and her intended involvement. Six groups had been geographically appointed throughout the state to work together to schedule historic educational information conferences. Erdall's appointed group is currently planning a work conference for the 1<sup>st</sup> of February tentatively set to take place in Clancy or Butte. Funding comes from the Historical Society. The Society also donated several hundred dollars worth of books to our collection along with a digital recorder for oral histories. She would keep the board informed on this exciting project.

We went over the County Library Bylaws and made change suggestions. The changes will be made to the document and finalized at the next meeting.

501 C status is being worked on by Erdall and Forney. Forney suggested developing and approving archive incorporation into our bylaws. He also suggested special committee wording for article 6.

Election of officers followed. Ohs nominated Evalyn Johnson to continue serving as Chair and Bradley nominated Judy Brendel to serve as Vice Chair again. It was hoped that Evalyn would accept knowing that Brendel will step up as Acting Chair during the personal medical hardships the Johnson Family is enduring. Bradley seconded this motion and all voted in favor. Ohs would continue serving as Broad Valleys Federation Representative.

The next meeting was set for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.